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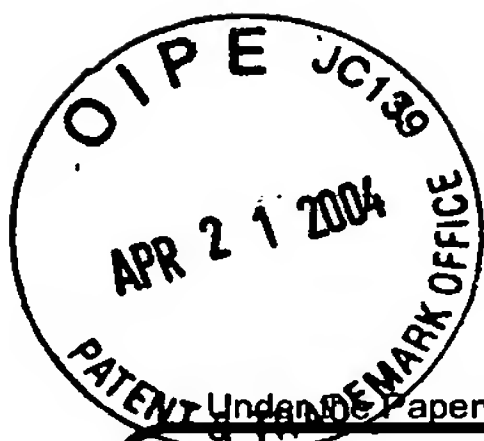
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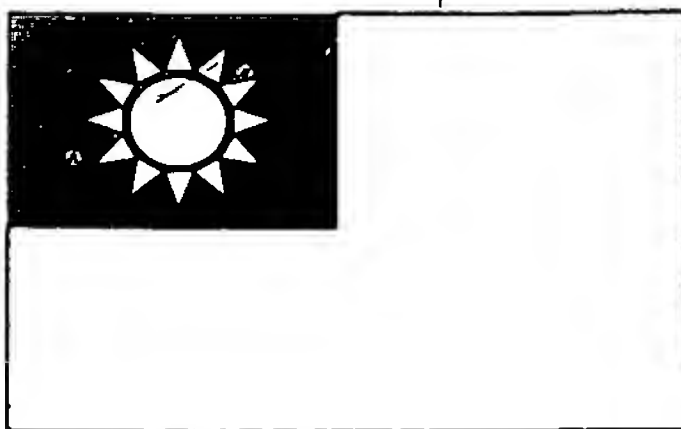
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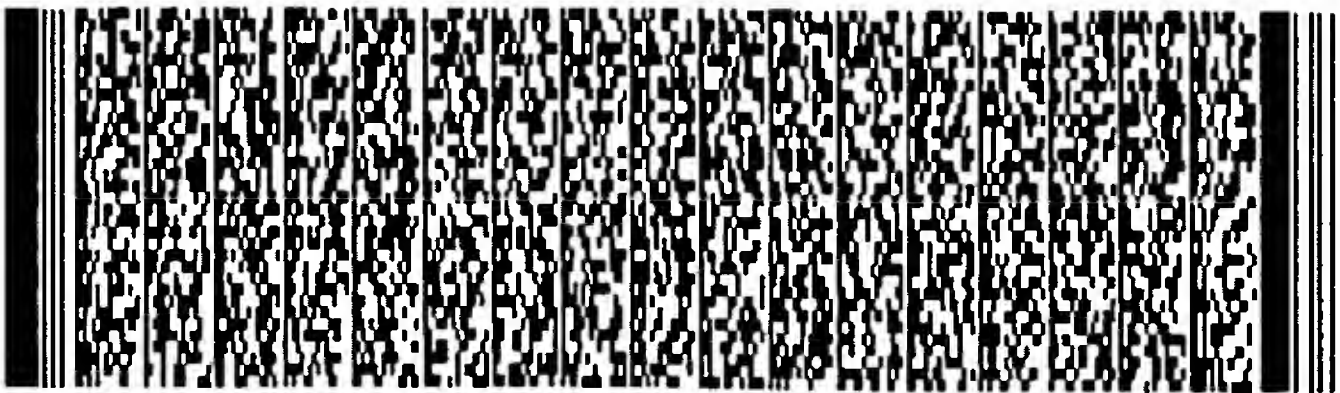
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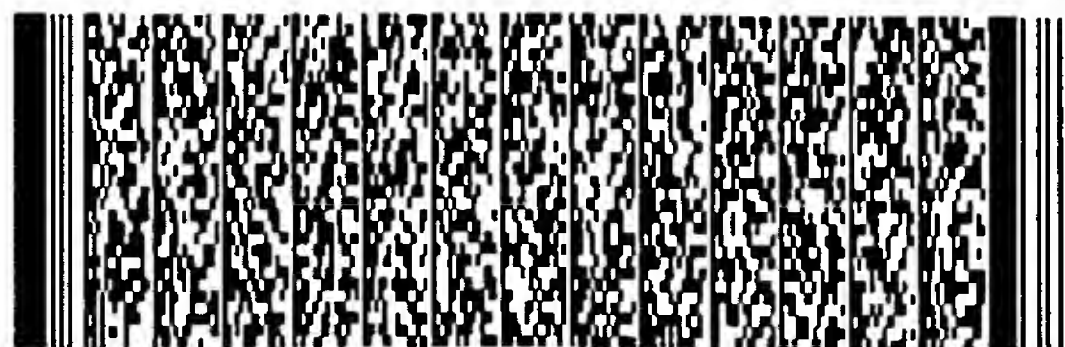


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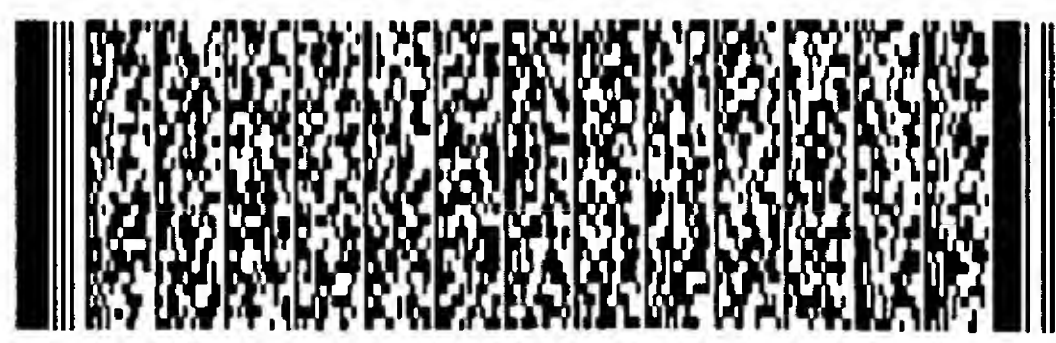
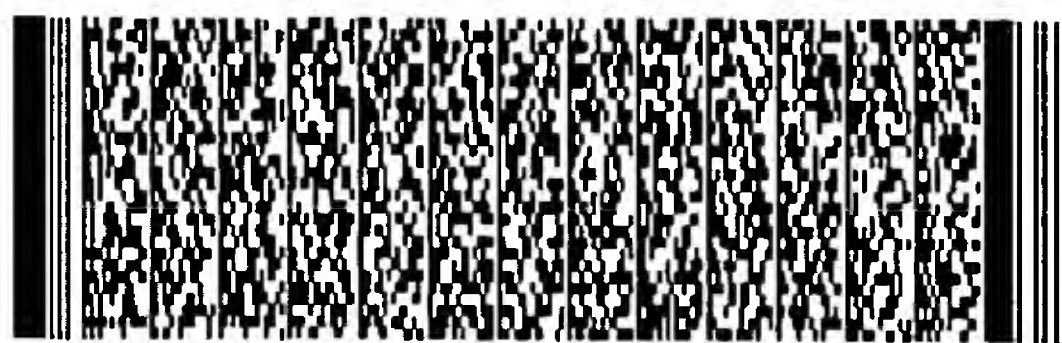


四、中文發明摘要 (發明名稱：一種蝕刻液組成)

本發明揭露一種SEM試片預處理蝕刻液組成，包含有NTC-1號溶液，其為含有機酸/氫氟酸/硝酸(HNO_3)之A劑再與濃度49%之氫氟酸混合而成；以及NTC-2號溶液含有金屬離子以及強氧化劑；其中該NTC-1號溶液與該NTC-2號溶液係以特定體積比例混合。SEM試片在進行分析之前，先浸入本發明之獨特SEM試片預處理蝕刻液組成配方中，即可獲得半導體元件基底中之P-N接面清晰輪廓。

五、英文發明摘要 (發明名稱：ETCHANT COMPOSITION FOR SEM IMAGE ENHANCEMENT OF P-N JUNCTION CONTRAST)

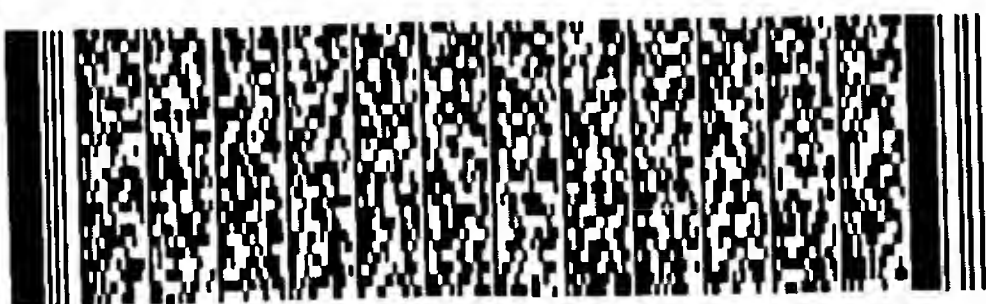
An etchant composition for SEM image enhancement of P-N junction contrast is disclosed. The composition comprises an NTC-1 solution mixed with an NTC-2 solution at a selected volumetric ratio. The NTC-1 solution is prepared by mixing A solution comprising organic acid, HF, and nitric acid with 49% HF solution. The NTC-2 solution comprises metal ions and a



四、中文發明摘要 (發明名稱：一種蝕刻液組成)

五、英文發明摘要 (發明名稱：ETCHANT COMPOSITION FOR SEM IMAGE ENHANCEMENT OF P-N JUNCTION CONTRAST)

strong oxidant. After the preparation of the NTC-1/NTC-2 solution, they are mixed together at specific volumetric ratio. Before carrying out a SEM analysis, the SEM specimen is dipped into the etchant composition.



六、指定代表圖

(一)、本案代表圖為：第 圖

(二)、本案代表圖之元件代表符號簡單說明

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五、發明說明 (1)

發明所屬之技術領域

本發明係關於一種蝕刻液(etchant)組成，尤指一種應用在掃描式電子顯微鏡(Scanning Electron Microscopy, SEM)技術中可用以顯現出半導體元件基底中之P-N接面輪廓的SEM試片預處理蝕刻液組成。

先前技術

如該行業者所熟知，在半導體元件分析技術中，掃描式電子顯微鏡(SEM)可用來分析積體電路剖面結構，例如，對於溝渠式動態記憶體元件而言，掃描式電子顯微鏡可以觀察溝渠電容結構。習知利用掃描式電子顯微鏡觀察溝渠式動態記憶體元件的溝渠電容剖面結構影像前，通常需要將試片(specimen)預先浸入一種蝕刻酸液中，例如業界所通稱的Oki酸或Flou酸，用以侵蝕溝渠電容中的多晶矽，以方便在掃描式電子顯微鏡分析過程中形成清晰的對比影像。其中，如熟習該項技藝者所知，Oki酸的配方係為體積比200:1的硝酸：49%氫氟酸(HF)。

在某些情況下，利用掃描式電子顯微鏡觀察溝渠電容結構的同時，若能夠在照片中顯現出P-N接面輪廓更好。然而，上述習知前處理酸液卻無法達到如此的功效。鑑於此，申請人乃結合學理及多年累積之工作經驗法則研發



五、發明說明 (2)

出一種可使半導體元件基底中之P-N接面剖面輪廓可以透過掃描式電子顯微鏡獲得清晰觀察之獨特配方。

發明內容

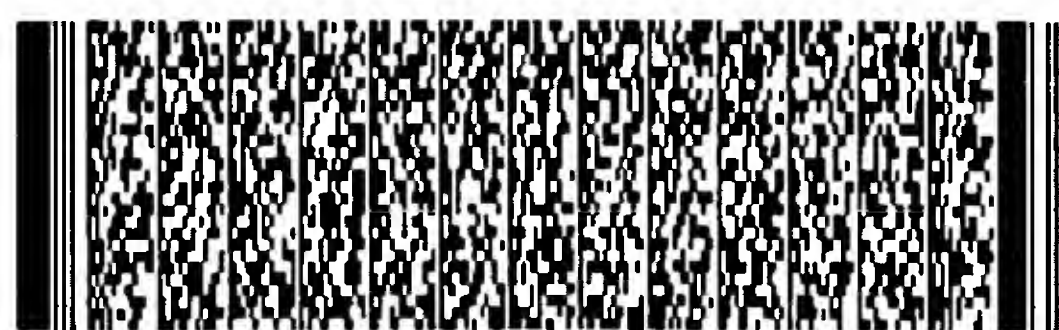
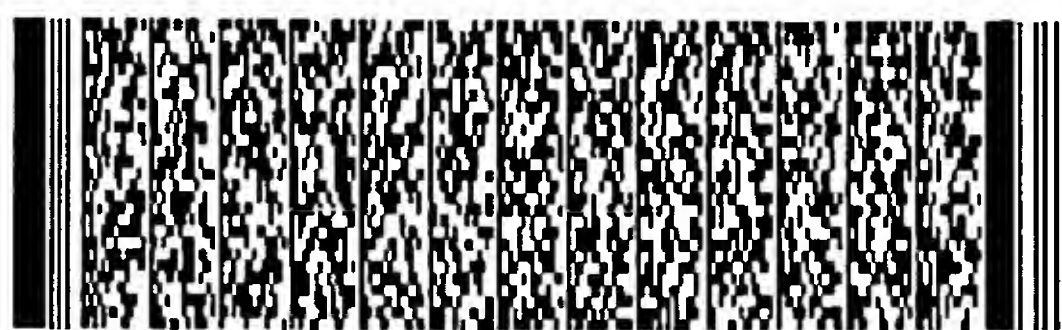
本發明之主要目的在於提供一種可使半導體元件基底中之P-N接面輪廓得透過掃描式電子顯微鏡獲得清晰觀察之獨特SEM試片預處理蝕刻液組成配方。

根據本發明之較佳實施例，本發明揭露一種蝕刻液組成，包含有NTC-1號溶液，其為含有機酸/氫氟酸/硝酸(HNO_3)之A劑再與濃度49%之氫氟酸混合而成；以及NTC-2號溶液含有金屬離子以及強氧化劑；其中該NTC-1號溶液與該NTC-2號溶液係以特定體積比例混合。

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實施方式

本發明之一種可使半導體元件基底中之P-N接面輪廓得透過掃描式電子顯微鏡獲得清晰觀察之獨特SEM試片預處理



五、發明說明 (3)

蝕刻液組成配方係由兩種預先摻配之溶液以特定體積比例混合而成，以下分別稱為NTC-1號溶液以及NTC-2號溶液。

根據本發明之較佳實施例，NTC-1號溶液含有體積比由1 : 1 : 4至1 : 1 : 25範圍之有機酸：氫氟酸：硝酸(HNO_3)之A劑再以體積比2 : 1至5 : 1之比例與濃度49%之氫氟酸混合而成。其中，有機酸可以為蟻酸(formic acid)、醋酸(HAc)、丙酸等，較佳為醋酸。NTC-2號溶液含有金屬離子以及強氧化劑。金屬離子可為銅離子、鎂離子、鋁離子、鈣離子、鋅離子等，又以銅離子較佳。強氧化劑可以為雙氧水、臭氧、硫酸等等，而以硫酸(sulfuric acid)較佳。依據本發明之較佳實施例，NTC-2號溶液係將0.005M至0.02M之硝酸銅溶液以體積比2 : 1至5 : 1之比例與硫酸(90%)溶液混合而成。

本發明之一種可使半導體元件基底中之P-N接面輪廓得透過掃描式電子顯微鏡獲得清晰觀察之獨特SEM試片預處理蝕刻液組成配方係將上述兩種預先摻配之溶液：NTC-1號溶液以及NTC-2號溶液，以特定體積比例混合而成。依據本發明之較佳實施例，NTC-1號溶液以及NTC-2號溶液之混合比例介於體積比1 : 1至1 : 5之間。SEM試片在進行分析之前，先浸入本發明之獨特SEM試片預處理蝕刻液組成配方中，即可獲得半導體元件基底中之P-N接面清晰輪

五、發明說明 (4)

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以上所述僅為本發明之較佳實施例，凡依本發明申請專利範圍所做之均等變化與修飾，皆應屬本發明專利之涵蓋範圍。



圖式簡單說明

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本申請案無圖式

圖式之符號說明

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六、申請專利範圍

1. 一種蝕刻液組成，包含有：

NTC-1 號溶液，其為含有機酸/氫氟酸/硝酸(HNO_3)之A劑再與濃度49%之氫氟酸混合而成；以及

NTC-2 號溶液含有金屬離子以及強氧化劑；

其中該NTC-1 號溶液與該NTC-2 號溶液係以特定體積比例混合。

2. 如申請專利範圍第1項所述之蝕刻液組成，其中該A劑所含之有機酸：氫氟酸：硝酸(HNO_3)，其體積比由1：1：4至1：1：25範圍。

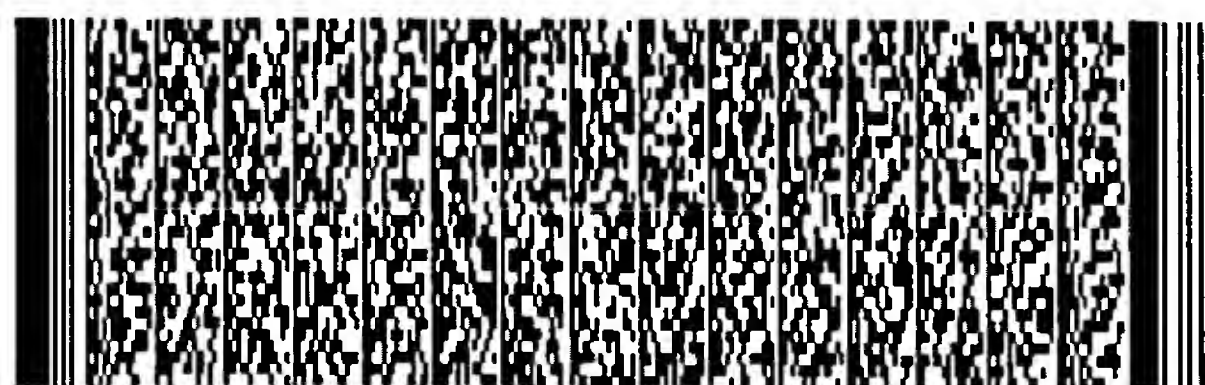
3. 如申請專利範圍第1項所述之蝕刻液組成，其中該A劑與該氫氟酸以體積比2：1至5：1之比例混合。

4. 如申請專利範圍第1項所述之蝕刻液組成，其中該有機酸包含蟻酸(formic acid)、醋酸(HAc)及丙酸。

5. 如申請專利範圍第1項所述之蝕刻液組成，其中該金屬離子包含銅離子、鎂離子、鋁離子、鈣離子及鋅離子。

6. 如申請專利範圍第1項所述之蝕刻液組成，其中該強氧化劑包含雙氧水、臭氧及硫酸。

7. 如申請專利範圍第1項所述之蝕刻液組成，其中該NTC-



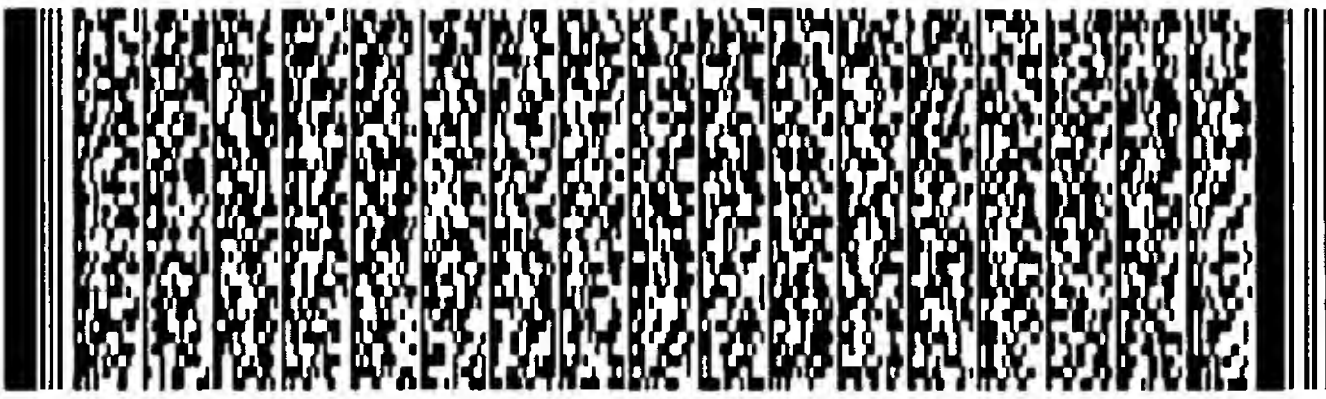
六、申請專利範圍

2 號溶液係將 0.005M 至 0.02M 之硝酸銅溶液以體積比 2 : 1 至 5 : 1 之比例與硫酸(90%)溶液混合而成。

8. 如申請專利範圍第 1 項所述之蝕刻液組成，其中該 NTC-1 號溶液以及 NTC-2 號溶液之混合比例介於體積比 1 : 1 至 1 : 5 之間。



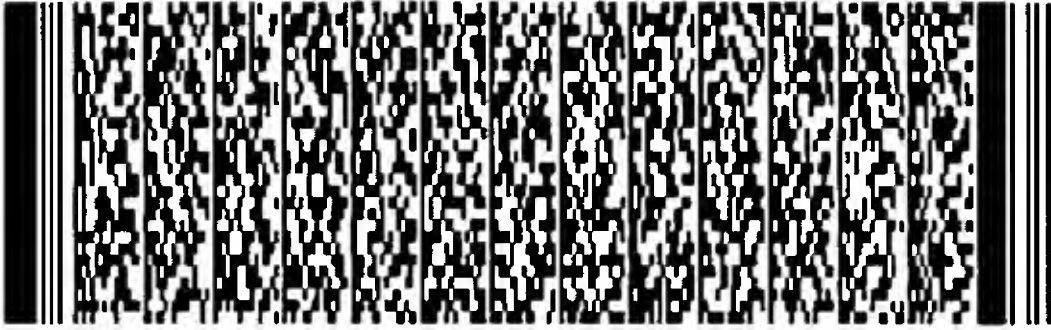
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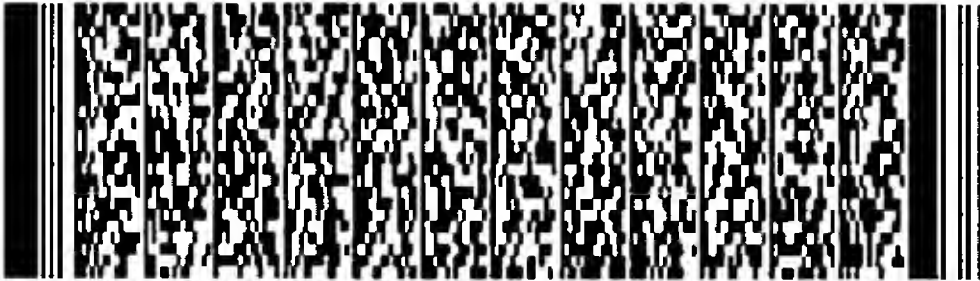
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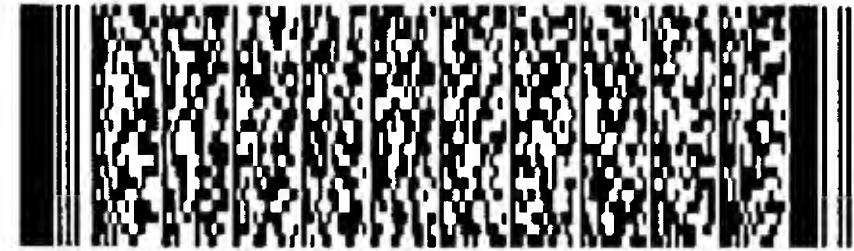
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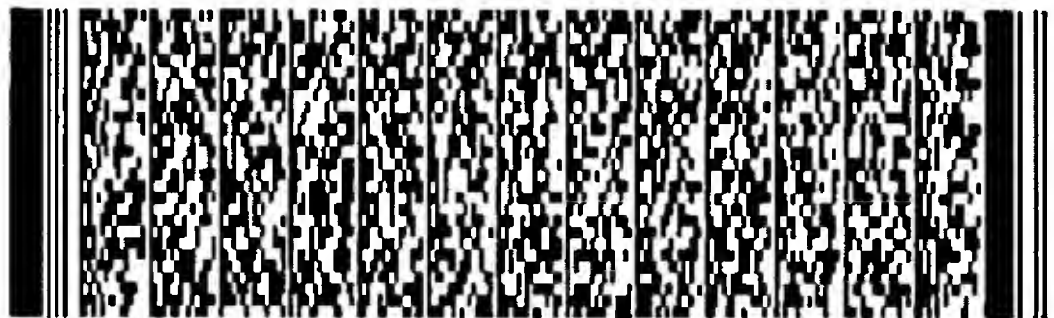
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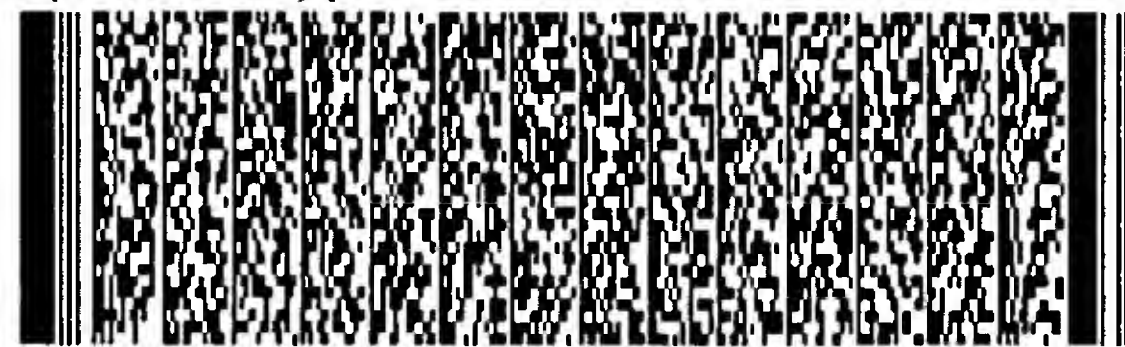
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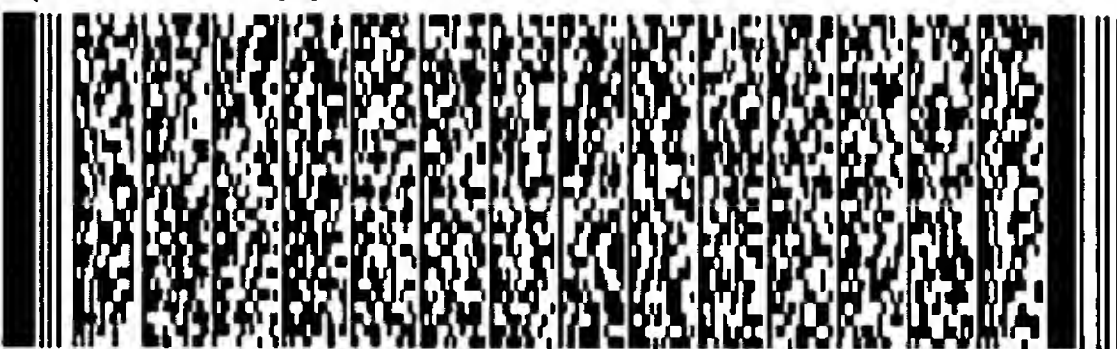
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